



1-21-04
14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/803,560
Applicant(s): Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi
WATANABE
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HOLLOW
RACK SHAFT
Confirmation No.: 7306
Customer No.: 24731
Docket No.: 18733/00040
Filed: March 9, 2001
Group Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: Marc Q. Jimenez (re-assigned from Percy W.
Echols)

RECEIVED
DEC 31 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with
the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

December 18, 2003

Date of Deposit

Brian E. Harris

Name of Applicant, Assignee, or Registered Representative

Brian E. Harris

Signature

December 18, 2003

Date of Signature

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated
August 18, 2003, be extended for one month to December 18, 2003.

A response to the Office Action, dated August 18, 2003, is filed concurrently
herewith.


12/29/2003 LWONDIM1 00000007 181260 09803560

01 FC:1251 110.00 DA

Application No.: 09/803,560
Petition for Extension of time dated December 18, 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 18, 2003

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Brian E. Harris
Reg. No. 48,383
Agent for Applicants

BEH/jkk
SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP
717 N. Harwood, Suite 3400
Dallas, Texas 75201
Direct: (214) 981-3461
Main: (214) 981-3300
Facsimile: (214) 981-3400
December 18, 2003

DAI 279881v1